

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application) **PATENT APPLICATION**
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SC/Serial No.: 08/778,093)
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Title: **SPINE DISTRACTION IMPLANT
AND METHOD**)

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SPINE DISTRACTION IMPLANT AND METHOD

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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment(s) referred to above. I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of the application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56.

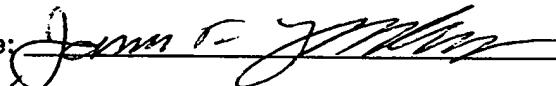
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Title of invention and of **present application**:

SPINE DISTRACTION IMPLANT AND METHOD

The specification of the **present application** (check applicable ones):

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I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification for the **present application**, including the claims, as amended by any amendment(s) referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of the **present application** in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56.

This **present application** in part discloses and claims subject matter disclosed in, and I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code §120 of any United States prior application(s) listed below:

(1) 08/778,093 January 2, 1997 Pending
(SC/Serial No.) (Filing Date) (Status-pending)

(2) _____
(SC/Serial No.) (Filing Date) (Status-patented,
pending, abandoned)

Insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of the present application is not disclosed in the United States prior application(s) in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations §1.56 which occurred between the filing date(s) of the prior application(s) and the national or PCT international filing date of this present application.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true, and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under §1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the present application or any patent issuing thereon.

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